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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: ALTUS AUTOMATION

INDUSTRY (HK)

REF: A) BIS e-mail request dated May 6, 2009

- 11. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.
- 12. As per reftel A request and at the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO) attempted to conduct a post shipment verification (PSV) at Altus Automation Industry (HK), Unit 1001, Four Seas building, 208-212 Nathan Road, Hong Kong (Altus). The items in question for this PSV are various mass flow equipment products exported to Altus on or about March 11, 12008. On the applicable shippers export declaration (SED), these items are not classified meaning that they are likely EAR99 and eligible for shipment to virtually all destinations and end-uses/users worldwide. The exporter was Micro Motion, Inc. of Boulder Colorado.
- 13. According to the Hong Kong Companies Registry, Altus has been in existence since 2006. The company's paid up share capital is the Hong Kong equivalent of USD 13. The Hong Kong Companies Registry lists Ouyang, Jifeng (with mainland China passport number G08871766) as director. Ouyang, Jifeng is not listed as a director in any other Hong Kong company.
- 14. ECO was unable to find a web presence for Altus Automation Industry (HK). A range of other companies appear to be located at the company's address, which is also the address of ATA Corporate Formation and Management Limited (a company secretarial service).
- 15. Commercial Assistant Carrie Chan attempted for some time to arrange a meeting with the company. Calls to the company were answered by ATA Corporate Formation and Management Limited who agreed to forward the message to Altus. Despite numerous calls and a certified letter requesting a meeting, Altus did not respond.
- 16. Based on the information noted above, ECO believes that Altus most likely does not have any permanent Hong Kong presence. While there is no apparent export control violation associated with this shipment, ECO nonetheless does not believe Altus to be a suitable recipient of controlled U.S. origin technology.